

HUGHES SAFE, CONGRESS NOT, SAYS INSIDER

House Fight Close,
Private G. O. P.
Reports Show

DEMOCRATS LIKELY TO KEEP SENATE

Electoral Forecast Gives
Hughes 284, Wilson 212,
Doubtful 35

Washington, Oct. 15.—Confidential reports from every doubtful state, received by one of the most prominent Republican campaign managers from observers in whom he expresses great confidence, indicate that Hughes will receive not fewer than 284 electoral votes, or eighteen more than enough to elect him. The reports seem to show a strong probability that Hughes will receive more than the 284, but every state in which there is the slightest doubt in the minds of the observers is put in the doubtful list, and a few into the Wilson list.

There is one big surprise in the figures which should be highly encouraging to those Democrats who are thinking more about their friends than about the head of their ticket. That is that the Republicans are going to have no walkover in electing a majority of the House of Representatives. While gains are indicated here and there, losses are predicted in several states, so that the most doubtful thing about the approaching election, according to these reports, is not who will be President after March 4, but who will control the House.

Senate Seems Democratic
“At present,” said The Tribune’s informant, “the Republicans have by far the best chance for electing a President, the Democrats by far the best chance of retaining the Senate, while the House is in doubt, with a very slight edge—so slight as to be hardly perceptible at this moment—favoring the Republicans.”

The states which are declared to be practically conceded to Hughes are California, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia, totalling 211. The reports also give Hughes certain victory in four states to which the Democrats are putting forth strong claims—New York, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. These bring the total to 284. President Wilson is, of course, conceded the twelve states commonly known as the solid South, including Oklahoma, in which the Republicans had some hopes. The reports do not indicate any chance of Hughes carrying the state except in a landslide. The reports show Wilson’s chances are excellent of carrying Arizona, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri and Nevada, which would give him forty electoral votes to the 136 of the solid South, bringing the total virtually conceded to Wilson to 181. Wilson is admitted to have the advantage also in Montana, Nebraska and Oregon. The reports with thirty-one more electoral votes. It would carry all these states he would have 212 votes.

Connecticut Doubtful
Connecticut heads a list of states which these reports put on the fence. This group includes Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Delaware and the Dakotas, with a total of thirty-five electoral votes.

The Republican mentioned does not for a moment consider even all the votes in the Wilson list of 212. He is confident, for instance, that Nebraska is going for Hughes, and has strong hopes of Missouri, Kentucky and Maryland, while he thinks every one of the doubtful list is sure for the Republican nominee.

Recently The Tribune printed the news of a prominent member of the Democratic National Committee, who could not differ greatly on such states as Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, that they do not differ greatly on such states as Wisconsin and Nebraska is shown by the fact that both parties are now admitting confidentially that these states are very close, and if anything leaning to Wilson.

Illinois and Indiana have changed places, relatively, in the last few weeks. In the private opinion of leaders on both sides, The Republicans are now much more confident of Indiana, while last time ago they were more confident of Illinois. The Democratic hopes in Illinois are much higher as to Illinois, while in Indiana they are now less. They will not even pull Tom Taggart through as Senator. The Republicans are quite certain they will carry Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, however, though they admit the necessity of the same intensive campaign in Ohio and Illinois that they are now making in the Hoosier state.

WOMAN ENDS LIFE IN BATH

She Is Found Dead With End of Gas Tube in Mouth

Osborne Bids Sing Sing Farewell; Shakes Hands of 1,600 Convicts

Prisoners Almost Riot in Effort to Greet Retiring Warden
—Old “Lifer” Calls Him Third Term in Prophecy

The head of a column of sixteen hundred prisoners emerged from the mess hall at Sing Sing at noon yesterday, waved an instant and then dissolved in a rush for a man in a light coat and soft hat who was turning into the doorway of the executive offices.

“It’s the boss!”
The prison-repressed voices were inaudible two ranks from each speaker, but the long gray line rippled and swayed as the magic phrase flashed from rank to rank. In an instant the whole formation was broken and a squirming throng jammed the doorway. Now and then a prisoner more burly than his fellows worked his way to the front and was catapulted into the yard. Each landed running and made for the group already jostling about the man in the soft hat.

He was Thomas Mott Osborne, who abolished “Sunday cells” and many other hardships of the old regime, and it was his last day as agent and warden of Sing Sing prison.

Individual Farewells
George Hodson, sergeant-at-arms of the Mutual Welfare League, and his lieutenants managed after several minutes to quell the outbreak of feeling that the sight of the departing warden had aroused and marshalled the sixteen hundred men in single file. While his lunch grew cold Warden Osborne held an impromptu reception in the prison yard.

He shook hands with every prisoner, and for every one he had a kindly word. Nor was there anything impersonal about it. Not once did Mr. Osborne’s memory fail him; he had every man’s name ready as his hand went out.

On the side of the men there was a vast deal of muzzling, a few intelligible phrases and an earnestness of grip that their ex-warden will remember for days to come. A gray little man, who will die in prison unless somehow luck intervenes, and whose privileges as trustee have been revoked following the Governor’s order which caused Mr. Osborne’s resignation, was one of the few whose words were caught by others than the warden.

“I’ll see you here again, Mr. Osborne,” he muttered. “I’ve seen a lot of men come here, an’ I know a third term when I see one.”

Most of the men wrung the hand extended to them, muttered “God bless you!” in husky tones, and stood hesitating until the press urged them on.

When the last of the 1,600 had torn himself away he hastened to the crowd.

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CHICKEN OWNER’S SHOT MAY KILL BOY HUNTER

Real Rifle’s Crack Transforms
Bison-Filled Prairie

Limitless plains stretched from horizon to horizon, sown with a lurching, panicky mass of stampeding bison. Through the mighty herd the redskins dashed fearlessly on their nimble mounts. At each crack of their rifles a bison leader dropped.

Then the crack of a real rifle transformed the scene in a jiffy. The vast prairie became a dreary vacant lot. The belated Calvary Cemetery, Long Island City, and its shaggy monarchs, a bewildered flock of Rhode Island Reds, James Huston, fifteen years old, of 45 Joy Avenue, one of the aborigines, dropped with a bullet through his lung; Robert Reilly, his companion hunter, felled with a speed any bison might envy.

James was taken to St. John’s Hospital, and may die. Legorrie McGinnis, of 1010 Avenue C, who was with the chickens had been shot, and when he saw two boys chasing and stoning them he stumbled and his rifle went off. The police couldn’t find Reilly to get his story.

PRESIDENT GIVES WIFE BROOCH ON BIRTHDAY

Family Dinner Party at Shadow
Lawn Marks Anniversary

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 15.—The mystery attached to the purchase of a diamond and platinum brooch by President Wilson in an Asbury Park jewelry shop Saturday afternoon was solved to-night, when a birthday dinner was held at Shadow Lawn, the “summer White House.” It was the birthday of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, and the President presented the jewel to her.

All day the kitchen was the scene of great activity, and the cook was in a state of nervous anxiety lest any of the dishes, especially the five star cake baking in the oven, should fall below the point of perfection.

The celebration was informal, only the members of the family being present to sample the cake and wish the “first lady of the land” many happy returns.

SHOE PRICES JUMP 50 CENTS IN 3 DAYS

Increase as High as 75 Cents in
Some Lines

Pittsburgh, Oct. 15.—Wholesale prices on men’s and women’s footwear have been advanced 50 to 75 cents a pair within the last seventy-two hours and certain lines have been withdrawn entirely from the market owing to a big shortage in leather, according to an announcement made here today by officers of the Pennsylvania Shoe Travelers’ Association.

The organization, composed of salesmen from various parts of the country assigned to this territory, was formed at a meeting last night. Many letters were read from firms manufacturing shoes announcing an advance of 25 to 60 cents a pair on upper stock and 8 to 10 cents a pair on sole leather. Two lines of shoes were advanced 75 cents a pair in two days.

Captain William A. Dana, of New York, was elected president of the association.

CANCER RELIEF IN SELENIUM, DOCTOR SAYS

Drug Treatment Used
on 200 in Five-
Year Test

ALL BENEFITED
REPORT SHOWS
Cure May Result from
Experiments by New
Method

Marked success in the treatment of cancer by selenium is soon to be announced in medical publications by Dr. Charles H. Walker, of 327 West Eighty-sixth Street. Selenium is a powerful chemical which, taken internally, in capsules, has relieved suffering in many cases and in others has effected an apparent cure.

Dr. Walker, however, does not say he has found a cure, but he firmly believes the treatment is worthy of a thorough trial.

“I have treated in the last five years more than two hundred cases,” Dr. Walker said to a Tribune reporter yesterday. “In many of them diagnosis had shown beyond all question the patient was a cancer victim, and in few was there much ground for doubt. I can safely say in no case was there a total failure in favorable results from the use of selenium.”

Believes Cure Was Made
“Some of the patients were near death when I first saw them, and it was possible to do nothing but relieve a little of their pain. In other cases, little by little, the cancerous growths have been reduced to a permanent cure. If selenium will only relieve pain it is worth using, and if it will cure, the treatment should be thoroughly investigated.”

Sulfur-selenium, a combination of sulfur and selenium, the compound Dr. Walker uses, was worked out in co-operation with Dr. Frederick Klein, a biological chemist, and not persons should be subject to scrutiny in checking the spread of the disease. Selenium can gain access to the large intestine only by entering the mouth.

From the fact that the seat of infection lies in the large intestine, it is argued that food, and not persons, should be subject to scrutiny in checking the spread of the disease. Selenium can gain access to the large intestine only by entering the mouth.

Such attributes as have been discovered by the scientists as those of infantile paralysis bear a strong similarity to those of typhoid. For this reason there is ground for hope that a serum may be obtained which will be as effective as the anti-typhoid serum.

It has been demonstrated that if the germs, which have now been grown in an incubator, are killed and then in three days are injected into the animal, he becomes immune to polio-myelitis. The department of immunology at the hospital is already at work on a preventive vaccine to be used on volunteers.

A rabbit used in the pathological department to determine the means of transmitting the disease was found to be immune from this successful experiment the investigators derive considerable satisfaction.

Two India monkeys, bought in New York, will probably be the next subjects of transmission tests.

PANAMA CANAL STRIKE SPREADS TO TROLLEYS

All Negroes on the Isthmus In-
clined to Quit Work

Panama, Oct. 15.—The strike started by negro workers on the Panama Canal is spreading, 500 streetcar employees having gone out, tying up the road. The bakers threaten to walk out at once. The police closed the headquarters of the strikers to-day to prevent street assemblies.

The regular cleaners having been ordered to stop work, there were many fights to-day in Panama, but no fatalities.

The strike has not interrupted dredging in the canal.

WOMEN WITH BABIES, NOT CATS, GREET TRAIN

Oregon Democrats Fall in Plan
Against Hughes Special

Portland, Ore., Oct. 15.—Four Oregon cities—Roseburg, Grant’s Pass, Medford and Ashland—were hastily put on the schedule of the women’s special train campaign for Hughes to-day. Crowds from 1,000 to 3,000 greeted the train at every stop.

Grant’s Pass and Medford were turned out with Republican women turned out with babies in their arms in reply to the circulated rumor that Democratic women were to meet the train with cats to set off against the “poodle dogs” of the Golden State.

Everywhere the “Battle Hymn of the Republic” was sung, led from the train platform by Mrs. Maude Howell Elliott, to give a Sunday touch to the political crusading. Miss Frances Kellor and Mrs. Nelson O’Haghey rejoin the train to-morrow morning at Sacramento, bringing with them to the train orators criticism and congratulations from the East.

An Invitation—R. S. V. P.

The Tribune Institute will be at home from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m. to-day and to-morrow at the booth of the New York Suffrage Association, Electrical Exposition, Grand Central Palace.

Tribune readers are cordially invited to visit the Institute exhibit. You have seen the Tribune Institute on paper for many weeks. Now you may see it in actual operation.

Miss Jennette Brown, Domestic Science Expert of the Tribune Institute, will demonstrate electrical cookery. Mr. Weed, Engineer of the Institute, will disclose the inside workings of useful kitchen and household apparatus.

Stop in to-day or to-morrow at the Institute booth—you’ll be most welcome!

BRITISH SMASH AHEAD ALONG SOMME FRONT

FALKENHAYN
HURLS BACK
RUMANIANS

Defenders’ Counter At-
tack Fails at Its
Beginning

RUSSIANS HURRY
HELP TO ALLIES

Reinforcements May End
Peril of Teuton
Invasion

London, Oct. 15.—The widely hailed Rumanian counter offensive in Transylvania has died out in many sectors where success seemed to be within the grasp of King Ferdinand’s troops. Only along the southern frontier is the Rumanian’s desperate stand holding Falkenhayn’s forces at arm’s length from Rumanian soil.

Elsewhere the Rumanians’ hope of preventing the eventual invasion of their country flickered only for a moment and then was snuffed out by the fury of the enemy’s attack.

The day’s fighting saw the abandonment by the Rumanians of a large part of the territory in Eastern and Northern Transylvania which they had clung to in the face of terrific assaults. Near the Bukovina border they retreated to the frontiers. In the east their lines were denuded in as far as the Grymes Pass, on the frontier, through which runs the Transilvania and a railroad to Kronstadt.

On both sides of the Szurdok Pass, southeast of Kronstadt, Rumanian columns were rolled back and a dominating ridge seized in Friday’s counter charge was swallowed up in the Teuton wave.

Russians Stiffen Lines
Along the southern frontier, and to the north of it, where the Rumanians have been able to retain part of the territory conquered in the first great rush across the border, Russian reinforcements have stiffened the Rumanian lines and averted for the moment the peril of invasion. In the Polistova Valley the momentum of yesterday’s smashing drive carried the German hands’ troops forward until the enemy was cleared out of this sector.

Standing with their backs to the wall in the Vulkan, Red Tower and Tomos passes, the most important gateways on the Southern Transylvania front, the Rumanians fought with a desperation that beat back all the enemy’s attempts.

In the Jiu Valley, the scene of yesterday’s most notable success, the Rumanian army, two important summits—Nedrigi and Zancara—were wrested from the grasp of the Austrians. South of Hatze, in the same region, Vienna reports that the Teutons have maintained the enemy front on this ridge.

In the region north of Kronstadt the battle still rages furiously under conditions more nearly approaching a deadlock than in any other part of the front. In the valley of the Alt, Biczaz, Uzul, Buzeu and Oltuz the incessant pounding of the artillery is preventing the infantry from grappling.

Here, however, the Rumanians appear to be at a disadvantage, as the retirement of their lines to the north and south has laid them open to flank attacks. It is here that the German heavy storm Friday night and Saturday morning could not be confirmed. The coast guard station at Cross Island and Cutler, at the mouth of the river, reported that no strange craft had been seen.

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LARGEST FLYING BOAT EVER BUILT CARRIES 12

Craft Larger than the America
Tried at Hammondsport

Buffalo, Oct. 15.—An enormous flying boat, built after the lines of the America, rose from Lake Keuka at the flying field at Hammondsport this afternoon, with eleven passengers seated in the cabin. The pilot made the first flight in catching alewives.

At 500 feet the machine soared on the air currents over the lake. The return trip was made with ease and the landing was remarkable for its accuracy.

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WEST FRONT FIGHTING IN OFFICIAL REPORTS

London, Oct. 15.—To-day’s British statement says:
Further reports show that the enterprises undertaken yesterday in the neighborhood of Staff redoubt were highly successful. North of Staff redoubt two lines of enemy communication trenches were cleared for a distance of nearly 200 yards. One officer and 100 men of other ranks were taken prisoners in the course of this operation, which was carried out by a single company.

At the Schwaben redoubt our gain was greater and our line was advanced well to the north and west of the redoubt. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy.

NEW GREEK CABINET OFFERS TO JOIN WAR

Athens, Saturday, Oct. 14 (via London, Oct. 16).—The Cabinet of Spindon Lambros has officially renewed to the Entente powers the proposals for Greece’s entry into the war on the side of the Allies which were made by the Cabinet of M. Kalogeropoulos September 18.

The King has postponed for one month the meeting of the Greek Chamber of Deputies, which, according to the constitution, should convene to-day. He signed the decree this morning.

The King’s action is interpreted as intended to prevent the pro-war party from forcing immediate intervention by Greece.

TWO TRENCH LINES TAKEN AT THIEPVAL

Powerful Redoubts
Under Fire from
Three Points

FRENCH PRESS
PERONNE DRIVE

Consolidate the Captured
Lines Despite Counter
Attacks

London, Oct. 15.—Haig’s troops have won fresh successes in the Thiepval region of the Somme front. Here the British are confronted by two great obstacles to an advance—the powerfully fortified Stuff and Schwaben redoubts.

After heavy artillery preparation the British swung forward in this sector yesterday and advanced on both positions. North of the Stuff redoubt two lines of German trenches were cleared for a distance of 200 yards. North and west of the Schwaben redoubt the enemy was thrust back a considerable distance.

The Germans again adhered to the policy of abandoning ground in preference to losing men in great numbers. About 800 prisoners were swept behind the British ranks in the two movements.

Both of these bastions in the German line now appear perilously close to capture. From dominating positions on three sides of them the heavy British guns are pouring forth a destructive fire that will soon pave the way for the charge of the infantry. With the two redoubts in their hands the British will be able to sweep northward along the eastern side of the Ancre Valley with little opposition, thus bringing Bapaume under attack from the flank.

Gain at Guedecourt
A slight advance also made by the British this morning to the northeast of Guedecourt, where Haig’s troops threaten to encircle Transloy from the north, and thus force the evacuation by the Germans of their lines along the Bethune road between Transloy and Sailly-Saillaud. Success in this movement would straighten out the Allied front south of Bapaume and permit of an advance on both sides of the triangle at whose apex lies their objective.

In the face of furious counter blows by the Germans along the whole front south of the Somme, the French made no attempt to extend their successes in the region north of Chaubais and near Barleux. Most of the German attacks were broken up by the impenetrable curtain of fire set up by the French guns. The infantry rolled back the hostile forces that succeeded in working their way as far as the French lines.

New Success Promising
Few French successes since the beginning of the offensive promise more than that obtained in the vicinity of Belleu-en-Santerre and Ablancourt. Both have an important bearing on the drive against Peronne from the south. Yesterday’s smashing advance by the French prepared the way for an attack on Barleux, the most formidable defended village in the region. Barleux is now exposed to attack on the north and west, and Foch’s troops are pressing forward on the south in an effort to pocket it.

With its fall Peronne’s doom will be virtually sealed. A general offensive movement on this front awaits only such a spell of dry days as occurred last week.

That the Germans under-estimated the strength of the French forces and the driving power of their attack is indicated by the capture of more than a thousand prisoners by the French in yesterday’s operations.

The British colonial troops continue to harass the enemy with raids night and day. Last night the German trenches were entered in the neighborhood of Serre, Rodincourt and Neuve Chapelle, the defenses were damaged and prisoners were brought back to the British lines in small numbers.

Aerial operations, hampered by foggy weather and showers, are expected to be resumed as soon as the skies clear.

FATHER OF DEAD FLIER, Banker, Critically Ill

Hoston, Oct. 15.—A cable message from Dr. Morton Prince, who is in Paris, to-night brought the first news of the death of Norman Prince, the American aviator who was wounded while flying for the Allies in France. Dr. Prince is an uncle of Norman Prince.

Frederick H. Prince, banker and broker, and father of the dead aviator, is critically ill at his home, Princemere, Prides Crossing. Several specialists, with trained nurses, left for his home to-day.

It was learned to-day that Mr. Prince had worried over the injuries received by his son. News of his death was withheld from the father.

Mr. Prince is fifty-four years old and is the senior member of the firm of Frederick H. Prince & Co.

BLAST IN MAINE BARES SECRETED EXPLOSIVES

Village Shaken, Suggestion Made
U-Boat Base Was Destroyed

East Machias, Me., Oct. 15.—An explosion that shook this village about 4 a. m. Saturday and was heard ten miles away revealed the existence of a secreted storehouse of explosives.

Efforts to ascertain the ownership of the explosives were unsuccessful to-day, but it was suggested that a base for submarines had been discovered. However, reports that boats had been heard passing up the river during the heavy storm Friday night and Saturday morning could not be confirmed.

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